

WHY KAISER DROPPED HIS CHIEF OF STAFF

Gen. von Falkenhayn Said to Have
Wanted to Fight on De-
fensive Only.

LONDON, September 9.—"According to reports from Germany received at Bern," says a dispatch to the Wireless Press, "the dismissal of Gen. Erich von Falkenhayn as chief of the German general staff was due to his suggestion of a complete change in Germany's war plans which Emperor William indignantly rejected."

"Predicting the complete downfall of Bulgaria as the result of converging attacks from the north and south and in the end a consequent interruption of communications with Turkey, Gen. von Falkenhayn urged that the whole Balkan campaign be abandoned; that the eastern line be shortened, and that the occupied territory in France be evacuated."

"The general expressed the opinion that the transformation of German strategy into a purely defensive campaign on a shorter front would paralyze the entire allies and make it impossible for them to crush Austria-German resistance unless they fought with unlimited resources, and then for ten years. Persistence in the present plan of campaign, he said, would lead to disaster."

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg denounced this advice as childish, cowardly and unworthy of the Germans. Emperor William took von Hindenburg's view and dismissed von Falkenhayn."

BUSINESS IS RELIEVED OF SPECIAL STAMP TAXES

New General Revenue Measure Now
in Effect Annuls Emergency
Levies.

When the new general revenue bill became effective yesterday business men throughout the country were relieved of the stamp taxes they have been paying since December, 1914, and which were to have continued until December 31 of this year.

The general revenue bill repealed the emergency revenue bill stamp taxes. The internal revenue bureau has ruled that revenue stamps are not required hereafter.

The stamp taxes repealed include those paid on telegraph and telephone messages, parlor car seats and berth tickets, bonds, debentures, certificates of indebtedness, certificates of stock, transfers, bills of sale, promissory notes, express and freight manifests and bills of lading, bonding instruments, conveyances, insurance policies, entry of goods, passage tickets, powers of attorney, protests, perfumery, cosmetics and chewing gum.

During the first seven months' operation of the emergency revenue law these stamp taxes yielded more than \$22,000,000. These taxes are recorded collectively and not under individual heads.

CALLS CONGRESS TOGETHER.

Nicaragua's President Plans to Re-
form Electoral Laws.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, September 9.—President Diaz issued a proclamation today convoking an extraordinary session of congress to consider a reform of the electoral laws.

A presidential election is to be held in Nicaragua in November. President Diaz announced last spring that he desired the election to be truly representative of the popular will, but opponents of the government allege it is following a dictatorial policy. The liberal candidate for president, Dr. Julius Irujo, was excluded from the country for some time, but was admitted a few days ago. While he was making his first campaign trip yesterday his train was fired on by soldiers, who said they were acting on orders of the governor of the district. Two persons were killed and seven were wounded. The governor was removed from office.

UNDER CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

Arkansas Guardsman Also Accused
of Absence Without Leave.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., September 9.—Lieut. J. B. Rigdon, Arkansas national guardsman, will be taken to Deming, N. M., tonight, where the Arkansas troops are stationed, to stand trial on charges of bigamy committed in a government reservation, escaping arrest and absconding himself without leave, according to orders received by Capt. N. M. Cartmell, U. S. recruiting officer here. Rigdon twice disappeared from Deming, coming here each time. His first wife lives in Gaylesdale, Ill. He married the second Mrs. Rigdon just before the Arkansas troops left for the border.

LONG TO PAY DEATH PENALTY.

Negro Sentenced For Murder of
Florida Deputy Sheriff.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., September 9.—Boisjeu Long, a negro, whose murder of Deputy Sheriff Wynne, near Newberry, several weeks ago, resulted in the lynching of five other negroes, was found guilty of murder at a special term of court here today, and was sentenced to death.

Long shot and killed Deputy Wynne when the latter attempted to arrest him on a charge of stealing hogs. He escaped and five of his race, including two women, arrested for aiding him, were taken from jail and shot to death. Long was captured later and removed to Jacksonville to prevent another lynching.

FEDERAL CRAFT LAUNCHED.

Steamer Twynning Had Torn Up
Docks of Mobile and Ohio Road.

MOBILE, Ala., September 9.—Several hundred persons witnessed the launching here today of the government steamer William T. Twynning, wrecked and washed upon the Mobile and Ohio railroad docks during the storm of July 5. She was later placed upon docks for repairs.

A force immediately set to work to rebuild the railroad docks torn up by the Twynning.

Detroit Fifth Largest City.

DETROIT, Mich., September 9.—Detroit has a population of 820,778, according to the city directory estimate announced today. The directory ranks Detroit as the fifth largest American city. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis are given higher rankings. Detroit was ninth in the population list of 1910.

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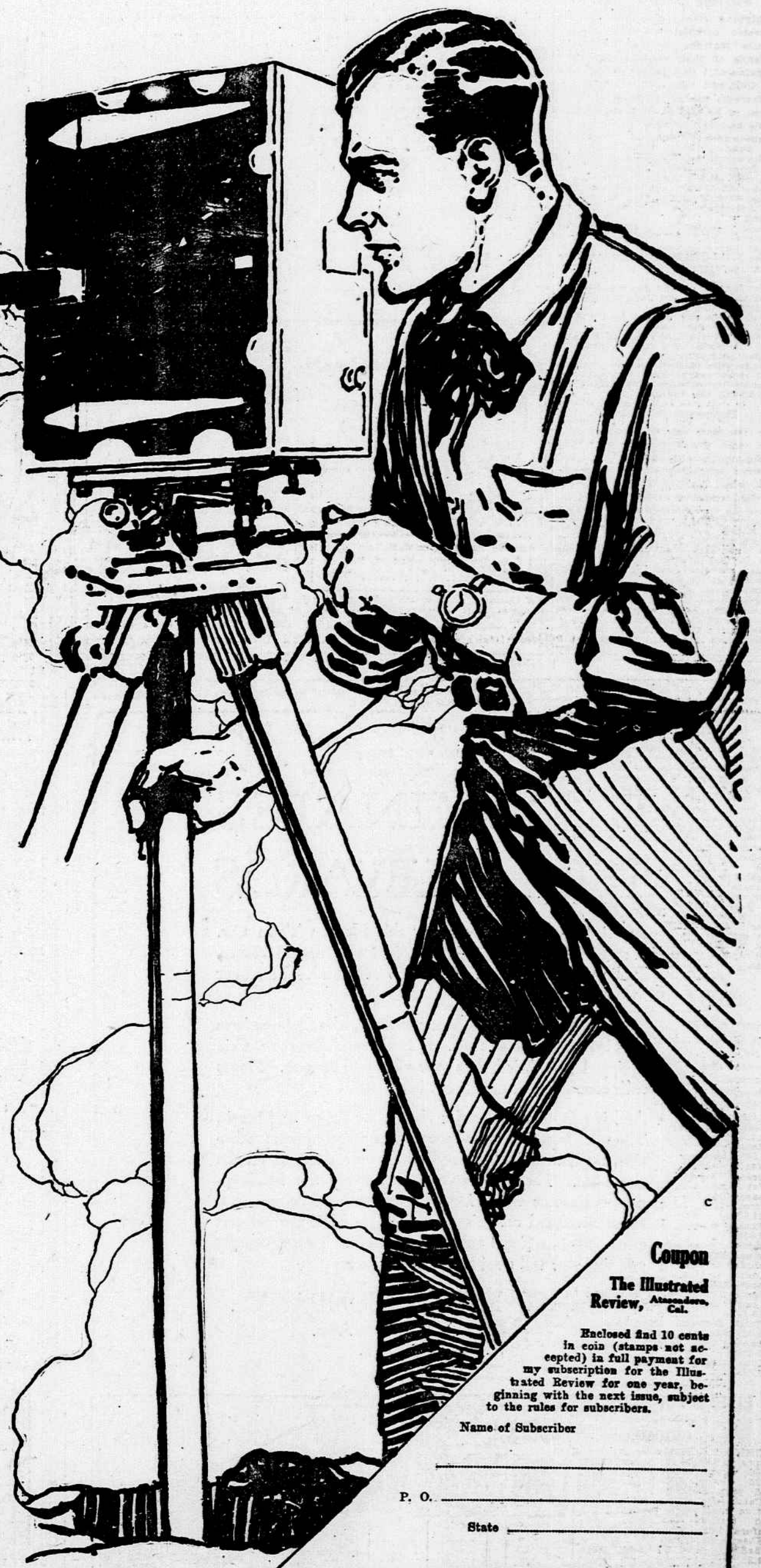
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